

# News Release

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## **Volunteers Sought for Sutter's Fort State Historic Park**

Are you interested in California history? Are you looking for a fun and unique way to give something back to your community? Do you enjoy working with people of all ages? If your answer to these questions is "yes," and you are at least 18 years of age, you are invited to apply for Volunteer Training at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. The next Volunteer Training class is scheduled to begin in mid-September 2007; the deadline for applications is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are needed to interpret the historic rooms; to demonstrate the everyday activities and skills of California's pioneers of the 1840s; and to welcome the thousands of visitors from all over the world who come to experience this unique and engaging historic site. Behind-the-scenes opportunities for volunteers also exist—special projects come up occasionally that require clerical, carpentry, or curatorial skills, for instance.

Volunteer Training begins the evening of Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and continues through December 8<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 10 class sessions will convene on selected Wednesday evenings and some Saturdays. Paid and volunteer staff members from Sutter's Fort will teach interpretive skills and techniques, period crafts, and the history of Sutter's Fort—including the stories of the hardy immigrants and pioneers who were drawn to this western outpost in the 1840s.

Advance interviews, required for all participants, will be scheduled in mid- to late August. For further details, or to request an application, please contact Kathy Gallup, Volunteer Coordinator, at (916) 323-2015 or via e-mail: [kgallup@parks.ca.gov](mailto:kgallup@parks.ca.gov).

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**Photos:** Portraying early California pioneers and emigrants is just one of many volunteer opportunities at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park.

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**About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park**

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Sacramento Historic Sites Association, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Streets, the Fort offers special events and living history programs throughout the year. Established in 1839 by Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sutter's Fort was at the center of a flourishing agricultural empire named New Helvetia (New Switzerland.) This empire established Sacramento's earliest settlement and the first non-Indian settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort](http://www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort).